

City Times

NEWSLETTER

Hello, summer!
June is here.



Check out some of WHAT'S NEXT for us here at the City of Lawton:

- **Filing for City Council Wards 6, 7, and 8** – June 15, 16, and 17 (For more information, contact the Comanche County Election Board at 580-353-1880.)
- [Lawton 119th Birthday](#) – August 4, City Hall

Be sure to stay up to date on the COL COVID-19 Response:

- As of 5/21/2020, the City of Lawton began adhering in full to the rules and guidelines of the State of Oklahoma reopening plan.
- [Click here](#) to view Oklahoma's "OURS" Plan.
- **Individual City sites/facilities should adhere to safety measures** – that may differ from what is required at the State level – put in place by Department Directors and/or city management. Questions should be directed to department heads or the City Manager's office.
- **IN THE WORKPLACE - Remember to wear a facemask when sharing a workspace with other employees or interacting with the public.**



JUNE 2020
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Milestone *Moment*

*Lawton Fire
Department
Lends Helping
Hand*



On Wednesday, April 15, Lawton Firefighters took time to protect City employees by spraying Hypochlorous Acid to disinfect City facilities.

Hypochlorous Acid is an all-natural, sanitation enhancement. It has a high compacity for killing pathogens by denaturing the critical components of cells. It has proven to destroy bacteria and harmful microorganisms in a very short time period.

Thank you, Lawton Fire!

CONGRATULATIONS!

On your Years of Service!

More than 50 City employees celebrate YOS anniversaries in June 2020. View them all [by clicking here.](#)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

United Way of Southwest Oklahoma Fundraiser



On Tuesday, May 5, the United Way of Southwest Oklahoma hosted a virtual fundraiser, "Giving Tuesday Now." The organization raised \$11,355.00 and it was matched to make a total of \$22,710.00 for its member agencies. Lawton Mayor Stan Booker participated in Giving Tuesday Now as a special guest during the event's Live Telethon.

The City of Lawton is a proud partner of the United Way of Southwest Oklahoma.

June Employee Birthdays:

Timothy Wilson	Mitchell Chadwick	Michael Dooley
Clayton Houseman	Michael Hawkins	Justin Johnson
Derek Bryant	Ronald Payette	Marcelino King
Jimmie Curtsinger	Chance Neighbors	Marcus McCowan
Paul Huyssoon	Casey Caddell	Cynthia Williams
Matthew Johnson	Jose Ramirez	Paul Burger
Nathan Johnson	Juan Ayala Jr.	Collin Langford
Dominique Kenyon	Joshua Gardner	Gregory McConnell
Stavis Morman	Kolton Nading	Elvin Owens
Jeffrey Dorrell	Travonti Osbey	Ethan Young
Thad Hulbert	Shamieka Ross	David Hampton
Christopher Puetz	Steven Pierce	Kenny Runyan
John Santos	Nathaniel Flood	Kevin Hendricks
Donald Pestun	Jesse Henry	Nathan Ronan
Michael Arzola	Julio Hernandez	Norbert Sanford
Kenneth Dixon	Jan Rhodes	Shivani Rani
Jeffery Pollard	Austin Solenberg	Megan Stockton
Julio Ponce	James Lovingier	Lindsay Tate
Steven Thornton	Misty Roberts	Jesse Alverson
James Apple	Fred Bell	Noah Ellis
Justin Baker	Eric Willoughby	Marq Hackworth
Sneha Dongre	Cynthia Griffin	David Martin
Antonio Hopson	Barton Hadley	Harold Neconie
Albert Nease	Madeline Roca	Ernest Calfee
Larry Wolcott	Eugene Ross	Kevin Poirot
Vannessa Ball	Richard Taylor	Patrick Sprague
	Chad Abraham	
	Kristie Bolan	
	David Little	
	Darrin McKay	



View the latest City of Lawton PSA for the 2020 Census!

Edward Muniz from Lawton Public Schools talks about why the 2020 Census is important to LPS students.

Learn more about the 2020 Census at www.2020census.gov.

Check out the latest Meet the Team Tuesday Video!

The May 2020 video features Shamieka Ross, COL Chief Chemist for the Southeast and Medicine Park Water Treatment Plants. [Click here](#) to read more.

Nominate employees for Meet the Team Tuesday by emailing tvrska@lawtonok.gov.



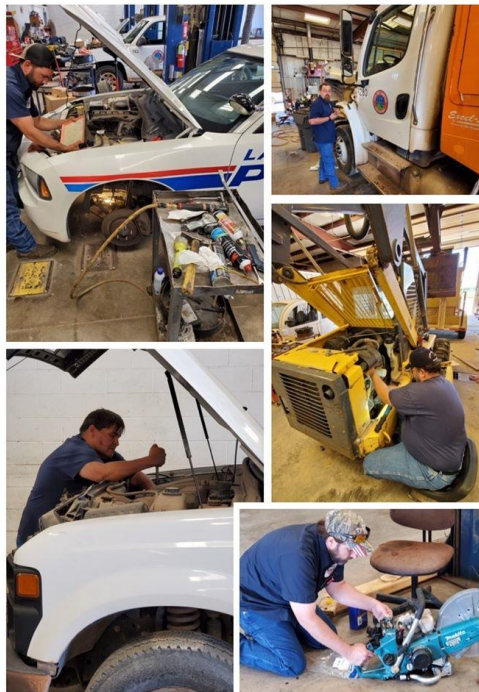
Public Works Week

During the week of May 17-23, the City of Lawton Celebrated Public Works Week in partnership with the American Public Works Association. This year's theme was "The Rhythm of Public Works," which challenged citizens to think about their communities as a symphony of essential services working in concert to create a great place to live.

At the City of Lawton, the Department of Public Works provides for the delivery of high quality, cost-effective, efficient, and safe services involving public infrastructure and facilities to enhance the quality of life in Lawton.

The pictures to the left were provided by the various divisions of Public Works to recognize the City's outstanding Public Works employees.

Thank you to Public Works for enhancing our community!



Thank you to those who provided the photos!



Coping With Stress During Infectious Disease Outbreaks

What You Should Know

When you hear, read, or watch news about an outbreak of an infectious disease such as Ebola, you may feel anxious and show signs of stress—even when the outbreak affects people far from where you live and you are at low or no risk of getting sick. These signs of stress are normal, and may be more likely or pronounced in people with loved ones in parts of the world affected by the outbreak. In the wake of an infectious disease outbreak, monitor your own physical and mental health. Know the signs of stress in yourself and your loved ones. Know how to relieve stress, and know when to get help.

Know the Signs of Stress

What follows are behavioral, physical, emotional, and cognitive responses that are all common signs of anxiety and stress. You may notice some of them after you learn about an infectious disease outbreak.

YOUR BEHAVIOR:

- An increase or decrease in your energy and activity levels
- An increase in your alcohol, tobacco use, or use of illegal drugs
- An increase in irritability, with outbursts of anger and frequent arguing
- Having trouble relaxing or sleeping
- Crying frequently
- Worrying excessively
- Wanting to be alone most of the time
- Blaming other people for everything
- Having difficulty communicating or listening
- Having difficulty giving or accepting help
- Inability to feel pleasure or have fun

Know When To Get Help

You may experience serious distress when you hear about an infectious disease outbreak, even if you are at little or no risk of getting sick. If you or someone you know shows signs of stress (see list at left) for several days or weeks, get help by accessing one of the resources at the end of this tip sheet. Contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline right away if you or someone you know threatens to hurt or kill him- or herself or someone else, or talks or writes about death, dying, or suicide.

Learn about avenues of mental health resources available through the City of Lawton by contacting the Office of Human Resources at 580-581-3392.